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Felon was out on early release

By SCOTT HAWKINS scott@neshobademocrat.com

A man with a string of felony burglary convictions arrested again last month for stealing two purses from a parked vehicle downtown is now wanted for violating terms of his early release, the Democrat has learned.

The man, Nicholas Catchings, 35, had been serving a 17year prison sentence for auto

strong-armed robbery and auto burglary convictions in Neshoba County, but gained early release in March 2020.

Catchings, who has used Neshoba and Copiah county addresses, was arrested March 26 and charged in the March 13 auto burglary. He bonded out four days later.

The Democrat discovered the warrant for violating the terms of early release on the

ment of Corrections website last week in researching Catchings' criminal record. Local law enforce-

ment officials said they were unaware of the MDOC warrant. Catchings has a

decade-long history of being charged with crimes in Neshoba County, according to archived copies of the county

the Democrat. "There is a warrant

out for his arrest because he has absconded supervision," Chris Baker, spokesperson for the Mississippi Depart-

Nicholas ment of Corrections, told Catchings the Democrat last week. Baker said this week the

warrant for Catchings' arrest on the absconding supervision

jail docket published in charge was issued on Nov. 19, revival at The First Baptist 2020.

> Catchings, according to jail records, most recently posted a \$10,000 bond and was released on March 30.

Prior to that, on Dec. 1, 2020, Catchings was arrested in Neshoba County and charged with three counts of grand larceny, including the theft a rifle from a Mississippi Bureau of Investigations agent's vehicle during a November 2020

Church.

Catchings was out on a \$30,000 bond on the grand larceny charge when he allegedly stole the purses out of the vehicle on Center Avenue in March.

Baker said Catchings was on earned early release, which is available to inmates who have demonstrated good behavior in the system. Early release is separate from parole.

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The Neshoba County Distinguished Young Woman Program will be held Saturday starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Neshoba Central Elementary School auditorium. Those entered are, front row from left, Hailey Donald, Molly Cliburn, Mallory Chunn, 2021 Distinguished Young

Woman of Neshoba County, Mary Kate Moran, Maggie Lee Griffis, Emily Duran, Mary Margaret Hall; back row from left, Paris Hantzis, Laurel Brantley, Faith Shumaker, Sydney Sisson, Carlyn Vaughn and Sierra Holley.

Young women compete Saturday

By STAFF REPORTS

The Neshoba County Distinguished Young Woman Program is Saturday with the theme "Overcomer" since the pandemic upended last year's competition.

The program begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Neshoba Central Elementary School auditorium. "We are so thankful that we were able to

carry through last year and have a program,

even though it was a virtual program," said

DYW committee member Shannon Posey. "The Class of 2021 participants were troopers and handled themselves very well last year

rolling with all the punches the shutdown caused for all guests. Masks/facial coverings are us all to endure. We felt like this year's theme would be our coming out of the dark anthem."

No tickets will be sold at the door. All tickets will be pre-sold due to COVID-19 protocol and guidelines set by the CDC and the Neshoba County School District.

If you would like to purchase a ticket, you may buy one from a participant or a committee

Tickets are \$10 for general admission. Program Books will be available for purchase for

\$5 at the door. Temperatures will also be checked at the door

required for all guests.

Available ticket information will be updated once participants have purchased tickets for family and close friends on Thursday evening.

Contact Shannon Posey 601-416-7664, Christy Barrett 601-416-0310, or Jennifer Prince 601-416-5891 to inquire about tickets after Thursday evening.

Following are the contestants:

 Sydney Sisson attends Leake Academy and her parents are Jim and Maria Sisson. Her talent will be a dance routine "Hot Stuff."

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TRAFFIC STOP

Meth found on inmate's 'person'

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@neshobademocrat.com

A substance believed to be methamphetamine that a woman allegedly hid on her person as she

was booked into the county jail on marijuana charges following a routine traffic stop was discovered by a jailer within 24 hours, authorities said.



charged bringing illicit drugs into the Neshoba County Detention Center after she was arrested with marijuana in the parking lot of one of the casinos last Monday morning

The woman, Bailey Cumberland, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana following the traffic stop.

Sheriff Eric Clark said that after Cumberland was brought into the jail it was discovered that she had the controlled substance believed to be methamphetamine concealed on her person.

The substance was discovered within Cumberland's first 24 hours inside the jail, according to Clark.

He said that jailers found the drugs on April 13 after she "transitioned the meth from one part of her body to another."

Clark said that guards were alerted when they noticed her in the cell trying to hide something in her bra.

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MISSISSIPPI STOCK MARKET GAME

8th graders win on Carnival 'stock'

By DEBBIE BURT MYERS Special to the Democrat

A team of eighth-grade STEM students at Neshoba Central Middle School took top regional honors in the Mississippi Stock Market Game, earning about \$30,000 in virtual game cash.

The four-person team, coached by Nathan Sistrunk, captured the first place Region 4 award in the fall middle school division of the Stock Market Game, sponsored by the SIFMA Foundation.

Over 80 teams competed in the game on the state level.

The program enables teams of students to invest a hypothetical \$100,000 in the stock market over a 13-week period. Winners were determined on the percentage return above or below S&P 500 growth.

The Neshoba Central team outperformed the S&P by 31.4 percent.

Sistrunk was impressed by

his team's hard work and dedication to the online competi-"Our largest gain was in our Carnival Cruise stock," he

said. "It dropped way down and we bought in at \$11. It was up to \$22 a stock at the end of the competition." Neshoba County Superin-

tendent of Education Lundy Brantley said he was very proud of Sistrunk and his stu-"These are outstanding

skills for the students to have as lifelong skills," he said. This was the second year for Sistrunk to have a team in

the competition.

Two of his teams placed in the top three last year.

"This year's team did a lot of research-based learning because they needed to know which stocks were going up and what technology was coming out," Sistrunk said. 'They looked for something that was going to grow and make more money.'

They called their team the Refrigerator.

While no one really benefitted financially from the competition, Sistrunk said it was not only a fun experience for the team but an educational one as well.

ence for them especially during a pandemic," he said. "They got to see how events

"It was a real-world experi-

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Eighth-grade STEM students, from left, Jacey Shotts, Payton Gipson and Kayee Myers at Neshoba Central Middle School took top regional honors in the Mississippi Stock Market Game, earning about \$30,000 in virtual game cash. Not pictured is Hayden Barrett.

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Philadelphia Police officers help distribute groceries the Open Arms ministry.

Police hand out groceries to needy

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@neshobademocrat.com

Distributing groceries to the needy one afternoon last week through a local food ministry was a way for Philadelphia Police officers and personnel to give back to the community, Police Chief Eric Lyons said.

"We have helped them before with traffic control when they are passing out meals and groceries," Lyons

"I reached out to them and thought it was a good opportunity to give back to the community and do some community policing."

About 15 PPD officers, dispatchers and others volunteered their time to hand out the groceries on April 13.

Open Arms is a local ministry that started in 2012. The organization passes out hot meals and groceries two times a month.

"It was a great opportunity to get out and interact with the public in a positive way," Lyons said. "We hope that people can see a positive impact."

John Bowen, a co-chair of the ministry, said that they were happy to have the officers out to help. He said they

handed out about 350 bags of groceries.

"He called us," Bowen said. "I think he called about a month and a half ago and said he would like to serve in any capacity they could."

He said they have received a positive reaction.

"It was great to see them out there," Bowen said. "You could see the responses of people coming through and I think they were delighted to see our police engaged in the community like that.'

Mayor James Young helped with the distribution.

"It was a great thing to be part of," Young said. "Those

officers volunteered their time and energy. Lately, it seems like officers have gotten something of a bad rap and this gave people the opportunity to see them out serving the community and being real."

Lyons said that the department does not currently have another volunteer project but looks forward to finding other ways for his officers and staff to engage with the public.

'We look forward to volunteering in the future and finding other aspects of the community we can help in as well," Lyons said.

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- Maggie Lee Griffis attends Neshoba Central and her parents are Wright and Leslie Griffis. Her talent will be a vocal performance "I Have Nothing."
- Paris Hantzis attends Philadelphia and her father is Patrick Hantzis. Her talent is a dance routine "Roses."
- Mary Margaret Hall attends Neshoba Central. Her grandmother is Betty Hall and her mother is Marie Gheyri. Her talent is a vocal performance "Who Lives, Who Dies, Who Tells Your Story."

• Molly Cliburn attends Union High School and her parents are Gene and Sherri Cliburn. Her talent is a lyrical dance "She Used to Be Mine.

- Carlyn Vaughn attends Leake Academy and her parents are Kevin and Martie Vaughn. Her talent is a piano performance "Ballade."
- Mallory Chunn attends Neshoba Central and her parents are Latisha Davis and Billy Chunn. Her talent is an acro-dance routine
- "Head Above Water." • Laurel Brantley attends Neshoba Central and her parents are Ron and Dana Brantley. Her talent is a vocal performance "Vaga Luna, Che
- inargenti." Faith Shumaker attends

Neshoba Central and her parents are Reggie and Tammy Shumaker. Her talent is a lyrical dance

"Hold on to Me."

- Emily Duran attends Neshoba Central and her parents are Chris and Ashley Duran. Her talent is a vocal performance "Stronger."
 • Hailey Donald attends
- Philadelphia High School and her parents are Keaton and Kizzy Donald. Her talent is a gymnastics routine "I Feel For You."
- Sierra Holley attends Neshoba Central and her mother is Alexis Rey Holley-Sullivan. Her talent is a color guard routine

"Can You Hold Me." The reigning 2021 Distinguished Young Woman of Neshoba County is Mary Kate Moran who attends Neshoba Central. Her parents are Bret and Emily Moran.

In addition to the 12 participants, the DYW program also has 12 "Little Sisters" who will assist participants backstage and also provide a segment of special entertainment during the program.

They are Addy Lea Page, Skyler Manues, Allie Horn, Montana Tucker, Julia Espinoza, Anna Elize Breazeale, Grace Maxey, Ashton Luke, Maggie Stovall, Lauren Gwen Posey, Chloe Pierce and Trinity McLain.

Stock

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affect our country and our people financially.' During last year's competi-

tion, one of Sistrunk's teams invested heavily in Zoom after the Covid-19 pandemic hit. "Zoom stock sky rocketed

because of Covid in 2020," Sistrunk said. "The teams learned how real-world situations, like a pandemic, an ice storm and even a presidential change, affect the stock mar-

After the competition, Sistrunk and his team continued to follow the Stock Mar-

"We talked about how bad stocks were affected when the ice storm hit this year," he said. "It had a correlation between the ice storm and a presidential change."

This year's team captain Kaydee Myers said she gained valuable knowledge of the Stock Market during the competition.

"I didn't know what we were doing when we first started," she said. "It was confusing. Now it's like watching the market and managing what we are doing. Having the responsibility to check the market all the time was a lot of

Team member Jacey Shotts said it was important for the

"When the ice storm happened, stocks just plummeted," she said. "If you don't pay attention, you could lose a lot of money."

Shotts learned a lot about the market during the compe-

"If it comes to a point where, one day, I have to do something like this, I think I will know how to do it," she said. Payton Gipson enjoyed fol-

lowing the companies the team invested in such as Tesla and Zoom.

"Tesla stayed steady going up," she said. "Zoom did terribly. I think because everybody started back to school so

team to pay attention to how Zoom went down. Not as the stocks changed day by day. many people really used it after that."

Gipson enjoyed the competitive side of the game. "It was fun to go on the

web and see what everyone was doing," she said. She thinks the experience will prove beneficial to her when she is older.

"This really will be a good thing to know about in the future," she said.

The fourth team member

was Hayden Barrett. The Stock Market simulation is one of the most effective learning tools available about the free enterprise system for students in grades four through 12, officials said.

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Supervisors approve sheriff's radio request

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@neshobademocrat.com

Transitioning to a statewide wireless network for communications will be a "gamechanger" for deputies, Sheriff Eric Clark said, after the Board of Supervisors on Monday approved his request during a regular meeting.

Clark said the switch costing about \$100,000 will allow his department to communicate with other agencies throughout the state but most importantly almost eliminate dead spots in Neshoba County.

The Mississippi Wireless

Information (MSWIN) radio system was developed after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Mississippi Gulf Coast in 2005 and state agencies could not communicate with each other in the aftermath.

Clark said 68 of Mississippi's 82 counties are members of MSWIN and the MSWIN radio system offers reliable digital communications throughout the state, including in rural areas such as Neshoba County.

Clark said the switch will improve communication with other agencies in the area as to be on "the high end."

well as ensure that his deputies have coverage in areas not only throughout Neshoba County but also outside of the county.

Clark said that he is getting quotes on the radios and installation, but noted that the state government already has a contract in place so he will not have to bid out the project. He hopes to get 20 new radios installed in department vehicles and between 20 and 25 personal radios.

His initial estimates have the project costing about \$100,000 but he expects that the board to approve their minutes so that he can apply for the radio program with the Mississippi Wireless Commis-

He said that the board will take a few weeks and he expects the MWC to take at least 30 days. It likely will be a minimum of 45 days before Clark can start the purchasing

Police and fire departments in Philadelphia also plan to switch to the MSWIN system

Clark has recently spoken with his counterparts in New-

Clark said he is waiting for ton, Winston and Kemper counties, who said they are already on the system and state agencies are all already

using the system as well. "(MSWIN) was designed with a simple, straightforward objective: Get the right information to the right people, in the right place, at the right time," the MSWIN website states.

"With this objective in mind, the MSWIN system is a robust architecture with disaster recovery features that will provide reliable communications under extreme conditions such as hurricanes, ice storms, and floods.'

Scott Hawkins contributed to this report.

OVID-19 cases continue to decline

By JOHN LEE john@neshobademocrat.com

Total vaccinations given in Neshoba County are nearing 10,000 as COVID-19 cases continue to decline.

COVID-19 reports on the Mississippi State Department of Health website were delayed Tuesday due to technical problems. The most recent data is from Monday, April 19.

The Mississippi State Department of Health reported that Neshoba County recorded 15 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 as of April 19 for a total of 4,009 cases up from 3,994 cases the previous week.

Neshoba County has 176 confirmed COVID-19 deaths since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020, with no additional new deaths reported in the past week, according to

As of April 19, 9,824 people

had been vaccinated in Neshoba County, an increase of 426 from last week's 9,398 total, according to the MSDH Tuesday COVID-19 report.

Although the shots were administered in Neshoba County the state does not designate in what county the recipients reside.

Vaccinations are also currently being administered in Neshoba County at the Coliseum, 12000 Mississippi 15 North, Philadelphia, Tuesday through Friday by appointments made at covidvaccine.umc.edu or by calling 1-877-978-6453. The website is the best option, officials

Selected Walmart pharmacies and local clinics and hospitals are now offering a limited number of COVID-19 vaccinations. Go to https://msdh.ms.gov/c19appoint-

ment#local to check availability. Neshoba County Schools have reported between 5 and 10 new cases of COVID-19 as of April 9, the latest date for which figures are available, according to Monday's MSDH report. Those cases came from Neshoba Central Middle School and Philadelphia High School.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians has reported two new positive cases of COVID-19 as of April 20, putting the total number of positive cases from the Tribe at 1,833.

The Tribe reported no new deaths from COVID-19 in the past week, with the total number of deaths remaining at 114. No hospitalizations have been reported.

Some Tribal deaths may also be included in the Neshoba death total, but officials make no distinction.

Mississippi's total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases now stands at 189,307 with another 119,916 probable cases for a total of 309,223 COVID-19 cases and 4,941 confirmed deaths and 2,212 probable COVID-19 deaths since the pandemic began last March.



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Jail

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Cumberland remains in the Neshoba County Jail on hold for drug court, Clark said.

Cumberland was initially arrested when a deputy was patrolling on Mississippi 16

west and noticed Cumberland driving a red Mercury Sable traveling westbound with an expired tag.

The deputy then initiated a traffic stop and pulled Cumberland over in the parking lot of the casino. At that time the marijuana

land was arrested. The Kemper County woman has a history with law enforce-

was discovered and Cumber-

ment In Neshoba County. In August 2018 she was

arrested when she was 18 years old for possession of parapher-

In January 2019, Cumberland was indicted on three burglary charges. She was indicted again in

August 2020 on burglary charges along two other sus-



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EDITORIALS

Facing dangerous times

Novelists with their imaginative musings have a way of stamping their age with an unforgettable depiction. In "A Tale of Two Cities," Charles Dickens memorialized the French Revolution with "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." The real world is less fanciful, and regarding the current era, it may simply be said that these are dangerous times. If there was ever a moment — this is it — to remain mindful that beneath the rainbow of skin colors, we all bleed red.

Social media, of which Big News, sadly, is simply a subset, revels in the chaos, feeds on motion and emotion that swarms of impassioned protesters display. Civilized behavior has been rubbed raw during the past pandemic year as Americans have watched in horror as the Chinasourced virus has claimed the lives of more than 566,000 of their fellow citizens and 3 million across the globe. Initially assured that no one was to blame but Mother Nature's Chinese twin, even the former director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention admits a mishap at a Wuhan virology lab is no conspiracy theory.

Still, with a 2020 Pew Research Center survey finding 31 percent of Asian-Americans have experienced discrimination during the pandemic, it's important to remember fault lies with individuals far away, not Asian neighbors who abandoned their native lands because they, too, cherish the American dream.

Americans are also making the mistake of watching the news in Black and White. Police body-cam footage shows a 20-yearold, Black Minnesota resident resisting

arrest during a traffic stop and fatally shot as he speeds away. A White female officer reportedly grabbed her service weapon rather than the intended Taser. Perpetually angry Democratic Rep. Rashida Tlaib of Michigan tweets the shooting "wasn't an accident," and an apparent tragic mistake is crammed into another "White cop hunts Black man" narrative. Crowds riot, responding cops are stoned, and local businesses are looted.

The Minnesota mayhem may be simply a warmup for the pending verdict in the Chauvin trial over George Floyd's death, which a Minneapolis jury could hand down any day. Americans demonstrated by the millions last summer when the illfated Black man died under the knee of a White police officer. At least 14 persons died in the violence and property damage reached \$2 billion. Black Lives Matter and Antifa activists have vowed a repeat performance if now-former Officer Derek Chauvin is not found guilty of seconddegree murder.

James O'Keefe of Project Veritas sues Twitter for alleged defamation

Egged on by Big News playing on untethered emotions, the tragic events of the past year are pushing citizens toward a race-based brink. Obsession over skin color and ethnicity make these times dangerous, but wise Americans will swipe away from their "smart" devices the images of strife and lock their gaze on the hue of their shared humanity. As it is written, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

The Washington Times

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Why are we still committed?

When President Joe Biden announced he would withdraw U.S. troops Afghanistan by the 20th anniversary of 9/11, GOP hawks like Sens. Mitch McConnell and Lindsey Graham responded predictably. "Grave mistake," muttered

McConnell.

"Insane," said Graham, "dumber than dirt and... danger-

Of more interest were the responses of conservative Republicans who commended the president. Among them were Sens. Rand Paul, Ted Cruz, Josh Hawley and ex-Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, a group that contains several potential candidates for the GOP nomination in 2024.

Donald Trump himself weighed in Sunday, saying Biden's decision was "wonderful," but Joe should have stuck to Trump's May 1 deadline for withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Adding a veteran's voice to the broad consensus was the American Legion which called for an end to America's "forever war," and repeal of congressional authorizations to fight this war.

While many older Republican leaders remain wedded to a Bush foreign policy, some of the prospective leaders of the party seem to be adopting their own versions of "America First."

Opportunity may be at hand. The door may be open for a leader to articulate a new U.S. foreign policy vision, beginning with a review of our Cold War commitments that became irrelevant with the collapse of the Soviet Empire and breakup of the Soviet Union three decades ago.

Consider. NATO, which dates back to 1949, today contains 30 allied nations, while U.S. security treaties with South Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand all date back to the

How do all these war guarantees to other nations secure our vital interests, when our first vital interest is to stay out of any great war?

Door may be open for a leader to articulate a new U.S. foreign policy vision.

According to The New York Times, a 2020 survey by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs found, "Republican vot-

ers preferred a more nationalist

approach, valuing economic

self-sufficiency, and taking a

unilateral approach to diplomacy and global engagement." Almost half of Republicans surveyed agreed that the "United States is rich and powerful enough to go it alone, without getting involved in the prob-

lems of the world.' A survey by pollster Tony Fabrizio found that "only 7 percent of Republicans prioritize national security and foreign policy issues."

The opportunity is transpar-

As domestic concerns are predominant — the COVID-19 pandemic, the invasion across our Southern border, soaring crime rates, race relations as raw as they have been in decades - it is time for U.S. statesman to look out for America and Americans first, and let the world look out for itself.

Biden is a perfect foil — a trans-nationalist and globalist committed to the whole panoply of old security treaties and war guarantees that had existed for a generation even before he came to Washington 50 years ago.

The favorable reaction to his pullout from Afghanistan should have told Biden that. And it should tell Republicans that now may be the time to seize the moment.

Let Republicans openly reject the Biden administration's unilateral commitments to fight China for tiny reefs claimed by the Philippines in the South China Sea and Japan in the East China Sea.

And, surely, it is time for that "agonizing reappraisal" of NATO promised by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in

Why are we still committed,

under NATO, to go to war with Russia on behalf of Germany, when the Germans, with their Nord Stream 2 pipeline, are doubling their dependency on Russia's natural gas?

According to the Atlantic Council President Richard Haas, the U.S. should abandon its policy of "strategic ambiguity" as to what we would do if China attacks Taiwan - and make a commitment to defend Taiwan.

But why should the United States commit to a war with China for an island President Richard Nixon conceded in 1972 was part of China?

Among the reasons Trump won in 2016 is that he offered a foreign policy of easing tensions with Vladimir Putin's Russia, getting us out of the endless wars of the Middle East, and making free-riding allies pay the cost of their own defense.

Yet, though, currently, we have commitments to fight for 29 NATO nations, there is a push on among our foreign policy elites to add new nations, such as Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Finland and Sweden.

But, again, why surrender our freedom to decide whether to fight?

As for South Korea, Japan and Taiwan, each could build a nuclear deterrent, as Israel, Pakistan and India have done. If a war were to be fought with China that could go nuclear, why would we want to be a mandatory participant?

Among the reasons the U.S. emerged victorious in the 20th century was that we stayed out of the two world wars longer than any of the other great pow-

"Don't ever take a fence down until you know the reason it was put up," wrote G. K. Chesterton. Sound advice. But some of these fences were built before most Americans were born, and the world has changed.

Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of "Nixon's White House Wars: The Battles That Made and Broke a President and Divided America Forever.'

FLASHBACKS

APRIL 25, 1941

Miss Mozelle Divine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Divine of Philadelphia, who has graduated from Mattee Hersee Hospital Nursing School in Meridian, has accepted a position on the nursing staff of the hospital in Macon, Mississippi. Miss Divine made an outstanding record at Mattee Hersee and many times earned commendation for her efficiency.

Ten men, in both the College of Arts and Science, and the law School of Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tennessee have been tapped for membership in Blue Key National Honorary Fraternity. Herman Alford, a Junior Law School student from Philadelphia, is one of the students selected on the basis of achievement in scholarship, attitude, character, leadership, and activities. Herman is the son of Mrs. Fronie Alford and the late Mr. Alford of Philadelphia.

APRIL 19, 1951

Tom DeWeese, local lumberman has been named Vice-President of the Southern Pine Association, which comprises eleven southern states, in which are located in the Southern Pine Products. Mr. DeWeese was named at the annual meeting held in New Orleans. E.O. Lightsey of Miley, South Carolina is President of the organization. Mr. DeWeese is head of the A. DeWeese Lumber Company of Philadelphia.

APRIL 20, 1961

Winners at the electric Cooking School held here are; Mrs. Lester Sharp, prepared chicken; Mrs. Robert Edwards, cake; Mrs. C.P. Putnam, pastry; Mrs. D.K. Vance, strawberry waltz; Mrs. Jim Vance, Oven meal; and Mrs. F.E. Thompson, broiler meal.

APRIL 23, 1971

Police Commissioner Hugh Wayne Latimer presents certificates of participation to members of the Philadelphia Police Department who completed a recent course in narcotics and drug law enforce-

APRIL 16, 1981

Mrs. Elizabeth Moore is crowned Mother of the Year by Mrs. Imogene Green at the sixth annual banquet of the Neshoba County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Mrs. Moore won the honor by obtaining more memberships than anyone

APRIL 24, 1991 Pamela Dennette Thrash of Walnut Grove, a nursing student at the University of Mississippi, has been selected by the Helen Fuld Health Trust to be a 1991 Fuld Fellow. As one of 50 outstanding nursing students chosen from throughout the United States, she will attend the Fourth International Intensive Care Nursing Conference.

APRIL 18, 2001

East Central Community College, Lady Warrior Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovakia, was named Most Valuable Player of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-Star Game as she helped the South team to a 91-88 victory.

Willie Jackson, manager of the Neshoba County Gin Association, received the 2000 Friend of Extension Award from Harvin Hudson, County Agent. Willie is a wonderful supporter of Extension Cattlemen's Association. He is also a board member of the Neshoba County Forestry Association.

APRIL 20, 2011

Neshoba Central Senior Beta member, Marlee Williams, recently competed at the State Beta Convention in Tupelo. She won first place in the T-shirt design competition. Beta sponsors are; Lee Smith, Brandi Thompson, and Caleb Thompson. Fifty students at Mississip-

pi College have been inducted into the Mortar Board Cap and Gown Society for 2011-2012, America's premier national honor society that spotlights college seniors for their achievements in scholarship, leadership, and service projects. Among those honored at a dinner, MC recognized Rebecca Moore, the daughter of Frank and Janet Moore of Philadelphia.

RICH LOWRY

Establishment missing immigration

It's not 2007 again. But apparently no one has told George W. Bush.

To coincide with the release of a book of his paintings of immigrants, "Out of Many, One," the former Republican president wrote an op-ed in The Washington Post plugging the sort of immigration package that went down to defeat in both his administration and in the administration of his successor, Barack

Obama. Bush is an unusually sincere, earnest politician whose views on immigration are deeply felt and honestly come by — they are just anachronistic, or should be.

If there's any lesson that everyone should have learned Donald Trump's takeover of the Republican Party, it's that the party's old consensus on immigration is no longer sustainable.

Yet there's still a reflex toward the lazy conventional wisdom that all that ails the country on immigration is lack of an agreement to give an amnesty to illegal immigrants already here and increase numbers of legal immigrants, in exchange for more bells and whistles at the border — what is commonly known as "comprehensive immigration reform.'

Bush says not passing immigration reform is his biggest regret, and John Boehner, out with a score-settling memoir of his time as speaker of the house, says it is his second biggest regret (after not forging a big fiscal deal with President Obama).

Boehner spends a lot of time meditating on how the GOP became, in his telling, "Crazytown," a party of extremists and paranoiacs that doesn't get it on immigration.

The Republican

establishment still

eventually threw itself into the arms of Donald Trump.

former spreads the blame widely, but it evidently doesn't occur to him that one major factor driving a wedge between the party's establishment and its grassroots was the elected leadership's insistence on repeatedly trying to pass immigration bills that Republican voters rejected.

For his part, Bush sounds as if he's learned nothing. In his Post piece, he cites all the usual measures at the border included in these sort of bills - "manpower, physical barriers, advanced technology, streamlined and efficient ports of entry."

That's all fine, but it is no substitute for rigorous enforcement in the interior of the country and can't counteract the open-borders message sent by welcoming illegal immigrants into the country.

In that regard, Bush professes, as all supporters of comprehensive immigration reform always do, to oppose amnesty as "fundamentally unfair to those who came legally or are still waiting their turn to become citizens.

He then calls for an amnesty couched as, in one of the laziest cliches in the immigration debate, bringing illegal immigrants "out of the shadows.'

This will be achieved 'through a gradual process in which legal residency and citizenship must be earned," by

requiring "proof of work history, payment of a fine and back taxes, English proficiency and knowledge of U.S. history and civics, and a clean background check."

Such requirements are always promised in comprehensive immigration bills and are always toothless, serving only as a way to deny that the amnesty for illegal immigrants is indeed an amnesty.

Bush says, as well, that both parties should be willing to get behind "increased legal immigration," a characteristic feature of these bills. In another tired talking point, Bush insists that a higher level of immigration is necessary to bringing more skilled immigrants — never considering that we could also reduce the number of low-skilled immi-

But supporters of the old consensus aren't especially keen on understanding the arguments of opponents. Boehner refers to the "farright crazies" who never for-gave John McCain for pushing immigration reform, and blames "demagogues" sheer "stubbornness" blocking a comprehensive bill

So far this year, Republican senators have only talked of a narrower immigration bill focused on an amnesty for socalled Dreamers. Surely, though, the instinct toward comprehensive immigration hasn't gone away. It's up to Republican voters to constantly remind the party's officeholders that 2007 is, indeed, a very long time ago.

Rich Lowery is editor of National Review, a leading conservative magazine founded by William F. Buckley.

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BIBLE SELECTION

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. -1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Gospel Through Recovery event set for May 22

An event where men and women who have been set free by the Gospel of Christ through recovery will share their experience is set for next month.

The River's second annual Gospel Through Recovery event is set for Saturday, May 22 at Dewitt DeWeese Park.

The event starts at 10 a.m. and continues until 4 p.m. and is a follow-up to the first gathering last October when there were 15 men and women in recovery testified of how Jesus Christ had transformed their lives.

This year's event will include music and singing by The River Praise & Worship Team, testimonials, free handouts, hamburgers and hot dogs, popcorn, face painting for the children, and a host of other features.

The main focus of the event will be to honor Christ by the testimonies and first-hand accounts of men and women in our community who have been set free by the Gospel through Recovery. The Gospel through Recov-

ery event is free to the public. "Everyone is invited to come and join us for a day of worship, testimonies, and good clean fun," said Barry Walker, director of The River. "Bring a lawn chair and help us celebrate!'

The River opened in October of 2017 and has grown considerably in its outreach efforts.

Today, the ministry offers nine "open" recovery meetings and classes, a grief recovery class, a class that serves the youth drug court of Neshoba County, pastoral counseling, discipleship/mentoring programs, and additional meetings that addresses the problems and issues that

people in recovery face today. The River is a community recovery organization and to date has referred 231 people to residential treatment facilities, secured job placements for 121 men and women (many felons included) and led 67 souls in the "sinner's prayer" and into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Recently, The River and Barry Walker have worked together with Sheriff Eric Clark and the Neshoba County Sheriff's Department in starting an initiative that helps men who are struggling with their addiction to

The River has secured treatment for many of these men who are incarcerated because of the

influence of methamphetamine, opiates, and other drugs.

"These men, who once thought they had no way out of their addictions and compulsions, have been given another opportunity to become productive citizens in our community," Walker said.

If you have any questions concerning The Gospel through Recovery event, call Walker at (601) 917-1212 or email him at barrywalker1957@hotmail.com.

OBITUARIES

Jessie Camario

Jessie Camario, age 79 of Houston entered into eternal rest on April 9, 2021. He was born on August

1941 in Houston, TX. Visitation was held Thursday, April 15, 2 0 2 1 ,

4:00 P M -8:00PM at Jessie Felix H. Morales Camario Funeral Home, Houston, Texas.

Cremation will take place at a

All services were under the care of Morales Funeral Home. For any questions or concerns regarding the services for Jessie Camario, please contact Morales Funeral Home at (713)223-1167.

Kay Knight

Memorial services for Kay Knight was Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 11 a.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Jeff Brewer and Rev. Mark Cloys officiating. Visitation was held Wednesday, April 14, 2021 from 10 a.m. until service time. McClain-Hays Funeral Home

was in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Knight, 72, of Union died Sunday, April 11, 2021.

She was a native and lifelong resident of the House Community of Neshoba County. She was graduate of Union High School. Mrs. Knight was a member of East Philadelphia Baptist

Survivors include her sons, Shane Knight, Clint Knight, Tommy Knight and Barry Knight of Philadelphia; grandchildren, Sam, Jak, Riley, Taylor, Barrett, and Presley Knight; brothers, Lester Branning, Rex Branning and Bruce Branning; a host of nieces, nephews.

Mrs. Knight was preceded in death by her parents, Bud and Faye Branning; nieces, April Branning and Jordan Branning

Gregory Dean McMillan

Graveside service for Mr. Gregory Dean McMillan will be held 10 AM Monday, April 19, 2021 at Holy Rosary Cemetery with Father Bob Goodyear officiating. No visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge.

Mr. McMillan, 58, passed away Monday, April 12, 2021 at UAB Hospital in Birmingham, His hobbies included spending time with family and grandkids, fishing. He played stickball until he was 55 years of age for Tucker.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Judy Isaac McMillan.

Survivors include daughters, Danita McMillan, Renita Perry, Arita McMillan; father, Clifton McMillan, Sr.; brothers, Edward McMillan, James McMillan, Gary McMillan, Clifton McMillan, Jr., Eilliot McMillan, Michael McMillan, Andrew McMillan; 8 grandchildren.



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Connie Sue Jim Charlie

Graveside service for Ms. Connie Sue Jim Charlie was held 2 PM Friday, April 16, 2021 at Simon Isaac Cemetery with Bro. Shelly Peoples officiating. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge.

Ms. Charlie, 56, passed away Saturday, April 10, 2021 at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson, MS. Her hobbies included spending time with family and grandkids, stickball, fishing, and playing solitary on her phone. She enjoyed all outdoor events.

Preceded in death by, parents, Billy Jim and Corine Joe Jim; husband, Arvin Charlie; sons, Garrison Jim, Infant son Charlie; sister, Una Kay Jim; brother, Leonard Jim; grandson, Devin Pierrce Johnson Jr.

Survivors, daughter, Brandi Charlie; sons, Devin Johnson, Elias Johnson; stepdaughter, Denise Charlie; sisters, Gloria Hickman, Linda McMillan, Shirley Jefferson; brothers, Terry Jim; half-sister, Connie Willis; (18) grandchildren.

Pallbearers: Dustin Sam, Chad Frazier, Kendall Martin, Dalen Wheeler, Luppie Cotton, Dallas Steve III, Tristan Steve, Tommy Willis.

Christopher **Scott Pinter**

Funeral service for Mr. Christopher Scott Pinter was held at 2:00 PM Saturday, April 17, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Marshall Stokes, Rev. Dan Pinter, Rev. John E. Stephens officiating. Interment in Coldwater Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel in

Christopher Scott, 34, passed away Sunday, April 11, 2021 at his residence in Raymond, MS. He lived in Clinton, MS most of his life and graduated from Clinton High School. He was a construction renovator and member of Olde Towne Community Church. His hobbies include coaching football, fishing, hunting and a collector of scrap metal. Christopher Scott was preceded in death by his brother, Bradford Dale Houston; grandparents, George and Helen Young, LD and Shirley Pinter.

Survivors: wife, Amber Pinter of Florence; Parents, Scott and Nora Pinter of Raymond; Daughters, Savanna Greer and Londyn Pinter; Sons, Brayden Pinter and Ace; Brother, Justin Houston of Raymond; Friend,



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Pallbearers: Jason Mraz, Scott Apperson, Marty Williams, Darron Smith, Buddy Langham, Daniel Blake, Conner Parrish, Roper Richburg and Camden

Miley Shannon Brekeen

Funeral service for Ms. Miley Shannon Brekeen will be held Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with burial at Mars Hill Cemetery in Winston Co. Visitation will be held 12-1 Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel.

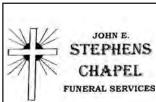
Our precious little angel, Miley Shannon Brekeen, beloved infant daughter of Kaitlyn Bennett and Brandon Brekeen gained her angel wings on Thursday April 8, 2021.

She is preceded in death by her big brother Nathan Brekeen: maternal grandmother, Mona Rodriguez; paternal grandfather Shannon Brekeen.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her big sister Elaina Brekeen; big brother Brandon "Man Man" Brekeen Jr.; maternal grandfather Eric Bennett; paternal grandparents, Debbie & Rickie Ellingberg; aunts, Brianna, Dana, & Merci Rae Bennett, and Megan Cumberland; uncles, Dustin (Callie) Bennett, Taylor (Kayla) Bennett, Pierce Brekeen, Grayson Echols; and numerous other family and friends who loved "Smiley" Miley very much.

Robert Layton

Graveside service for Mr. Robert Layton Isaac, Jr. will be held 2 PM Thursday, April 22, 2021 at Isaac Cemetery. No visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge.



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Mr. Isaac, 39, passed away Saturday, April 17, 2021 at his home. He enjoyed fishing, playing stickball and watching the

Cowboys and Longhorns play

He is preceded in death by his brother, Eric Isaac. Survivors include his parents, Robert Layton Isaac, Sr. and Sharon Thompson Isaac; daughters, Becca Giannaylnal Isaac, Kayleigh Elyse Isaac; sons, Albert Charles Isaac, Layton Alaric Isaac, Azaynlon Houston

Hickman; sister, Regina Leigh

Isaac; brothers, Shane Kyle

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Geraldine Mitch Mendez

Graveside service for Mrs. Geraldine Mitch Mendez will be held 10 AM Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at Old Canaan Cemetery. No visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge.

Mrs. Mendez, 78, passed away Friday, April 16, 2021 at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian, MS. She enjoyed beadwork, quilting, socializing with friends and family and the Elderly Center Church service on the radio.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Gilmore Mitch and Lorene Tubby; sons, Daniel Carl Willis, Bruce Eric Willis, Jeffery Willis; sisters, Judy Mitch Gibson, Patricia Mitch Mizell, Lena Mitch, Marilyn Mitch Tubby; brothers, Bobby Mitch, Ramsey Card Mitch, Benny Mitch, Sr.

Survivors include his daughters, Karon Bryant, Lora Mitch Orduno, Florence Hodges; sons, Naveon Willis, Alan Willis; sisters, Allene Mitch, Nannie Thibodeaux, Maggie Truss; brother, Bill Mitch; 28 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren.

Brenon Anthony Wesley

Graveside service for Mr. Brenon Anthony Wesley will be held 10 AM Friday, April 16, 2021 at Phillips Cemetery with Rev. Leonard Jimmie officiating. No visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge.

Mr. Wesley, 30, passed away Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at his home in Sioux Falls, SD. His hobbies included playing computer games and spending time with family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his brother, Ricardo Wilson.

Survivors include daughter, Gennavycia Willis; parents, Jody Solomon, Sr. and Sandra Wilson Wesley; sisters, Twyla York, Deritra Wilson, Ashley Wesley, Kristen Wesley, Darrion Wesley, Tamela Solomon, Paneshia Mingo; brothers, Ryland Wesley, Kendrick Wesley, Jamie Wesley, Jody Solomon, Jr., Winter Solomon, Ichukash Solomon, Yopalakiyo Solomon, Leon Lewis.

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God's Word will prevail

This passage teaches us that God's Word will prevail over all opposition to it. The apostles had been warned previously by the Jewish leaders not to teach in the name of Jesus. Nevertheless, they continued to proclaim the gospel of Christ in the temple, and were doing mighty works (verse 16).

This provoked the authorities to arrest them, but God sent an angel to break them out with instruction to go right back into the temple and proclaim the way of life in Christ. Thus we are reminded the chief mandate of the church is to proclaim the gospel of Christ. The apostles obey the command. The guards eventually find them and bring them before the court for another trial (22-27).

In the trial the authorities accuse the apostles of disobeying orders, as well as making them to be responsible for Jesus' death. The apostles admit to both charges. However, their response is that we must obey God rather than men; and the Jewish leaders did in fact put Jesus to death (29-30).

The apostles remained steadfast by holding to the truths they confessed. First, as they prayed in chapter four after their first arrest, God is the maker of heaven and earth, who is sovereign over all. God is the Almighty, perfectly holy and good God, the Maker, Preserver, and Governor of all, who deserves our whole trust, love, and obedience. He sent the Lord Jesus for salvation of sinners.

Secondly, God raised Jesus from the dead, and has exalted him to his right hand as Prince and Savior (verse 31). The apostles had been sent by this Jesus for the task they were doing in the temple. We are entrusted with our Master's talents for his service, to do our best in our places, to promote his Name, to propagate his gospel, to serve his church. He is the Lord.

Third, Christ is the only name under heaven whereby men must be saved. The apostles are proclaiming repentance and forgiveness of sins to people who are under the sentence of death. This free, reconciling grace is being offered from heaven. The apostles know very well the depths of love and grace they have received. They long to see their fellow Israelites know the same Lord and life.

The reaction of the Jewish leaders to the

apostles' response is fierce anger. They wanted to kill them, but a respected leader named Gamaliel stood up and appealed to them. We will learn later in Acts that Saul of Tarsus was one of his students.

Gamaliel was aware of the disposition of the people in the temple. Most had not joined the apostles, but were witnessing great miracles. He knew that putting the apostles to death could cause a great disturbance.

Therefore he urges caution. He speaks to angry religious people in a way they will listen. He tells them of examples of movements that seemed to take off well at first, but then the leader died and the followers dispersed. The movements came to nothing. In the case of the apostles, he says do nothing now. If it is of God we can't stop it, but if it is not, it will fizzle out. He reasons like a fallen man.

The Lord undoubtedly used Gamaliel to preserve the apostles, but Gamaliel's reasoning wasn't wise. He didn't consider the fact that the apostles asserted their leader was alive forevermore. Jesus had risen; he wasn't going to die again. Nor did he acknowledge that Jesus was at the right hand of God, and apart from him men will perish. Gamaliel ignored the plain teaching of the apostles.

Peter had said, "We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." Gamaliel placed his own reason above that of God. To distrust ourselves is highly reasonable, but to distrust God is heinous sin and folly.

Gamaliel refused to obey the gospel, that is, the command to come to Christ. He would have had to leave his position to do so. Preserving his position motivated his speech (and denial of Christ). He will be ashamed of his love of position when he sees the Lord, but the apostles will not be ashamed of their fidelity. We must commit body and soul to the Lord Jesus Christ without reservation or equivocation.

The apostles suffered a beating from the 40-41). It is the will of our heavenly Father that we love and obey Christ and it is our honor to uphold his name in this world.

council and were let go. They rejoiced they were worthy to suffer for the Name (verses

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Neshoba youth recognized at Dixie National

4-H and FFA students from across Mississippi recently participated in the Dixie National Junior Round-Up Livestock Shows at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds competing for the opportunity to participate in the Sale of Junior Champions. The Sale of Junior Champions, one of the highlight events of the Dixie National Livestock Show, is a livestock auction where livestock exhibitors winning Champion and Reserve Champion in the Junior Round-Up Market Divisions sell their animals and scholarships are awarded.

"The annual Dixie National Junior Sale of Champions is a crucial competition that provides our youth with an opportunity like none other," said Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson. "I am proud of all the students from across the state who worked hard all year to raise these animals and participate in the 2021 Dixie National livestock shows. I want to thank all those that made this beloved event a success and congratulate all of our winners."

During the Sale of Junior



1021 Dixie National Sale of Junior Champions Scholarship Recipients are, left to right, (Front) Alyssa Moak, Lincoln 4-H/Lawrence Co. FFA; Mary Kathryn Shaw, Leflore 4-H; Marley Thornton, Smith 4-H/Raleigh FFA; Savana Ashley, Wilkinson 4-H; Olivia Howell, Holmes 4-H; Jewell Vandevere, Yazoo 4-H; Anna Beth Blackwell, Smith 4-H/FFA; Madalyn Boyd, Lincoln 4-H/West Lincoln FFA; Jessica Fulgham, Leflore 4-H; Abigayle Case, Covington 4-H (Middle) Kathryn Johnson, Lincoln 4-H; Elizabeth Rone, Panola 4-H/South Panola FFA; Ag Commissioner Andy Gipson; Extension Director Gary Jackson; Tristen Phillipson, Raleigh FFA; Anna Grace Todd, Jones 4-H; Chloe Tolar, Smith 4-H (Back) Trevor Phillips, Lee 4-H; Eli Wilkerson, Scott 4-H; Todd Rogers, Jones 4-H; Davian Powell, Holmes 4-H; Hunter Beason, Neshoba 4-H/Neshoba Central FFA; Holden Lane Brown, Jasper 4-H; Nicholas Beatty, Scott 4-H; Collin Mullins, Montgomery 4-H; Ryan Purvis, Smith 4-H/Raleigh FFA.

Champions, Hunter Beason, a member of the Neshoba County 4-H and Neshoba Central FFA organizations, was recognized for his achievements and received a scholarship.

The final Sale of Champions featured 45 champion market animals, including 16 hogs, 10 goats, 10 lambs and nine steers. The preliminary total sale was \$390,925, which is the second largest total on record. Sale proceeds for hogs reached \$132,500; steers, \$93,000; goats, \$78,675; and lambs, \$85,250. This year, scholarships were awarded to 38 student participants of the Dixie National Junior Round-Up Livestock Shows.

For more information about the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce and upcoming events hosted at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds, visit www.mdac.ms.gov or follow the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce and the Mississippi State Fairgrounds on Facebook.

ECCC to hold on-campus commencements on May 7

East Central Community College will hold two on-campus Commencement ceremonies Friday, May 7.

Both ceremonies will be held in Huff Auditorium on the main campus in Decatur.

Due to COVID-19 precautions, no guests will be allowed for either Commencement ceremony. Only those students who have been approved as candi-

dates to graduate and who signed up in advance to participate in Commencement and faculty and staff who are assisting with the ceremonies will be allowed into Huff Auditorium on May 7. Both ceremonies will be live steamed on the Black Channel at www.eccclive.com.

Nearly 650 students have applied to receive diplomas

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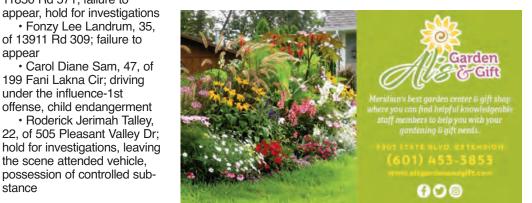
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COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Neshoba County Jail Docket from 4/12-4/16

 Scottie Bell, 40, of 117 Indian Hills Cir; hold for other

• Bridget Bounds, 40, of 10191 Rd 2810; possession of controlled substance

· Christopher Bounds, 45, of 10191 Rd 2810; possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia

· Bryan Mitchell Cook, 38, of 2323 County Rd, Quitman; possession of controlled substance, no insurance, no drivers license, possession of paraphernalia

· Ike S Creighton, 33, of 10361 Rd 567; failure to

appear Kelli Davis, 36, of 10331 Rd 448; burglary-dwelling

house X2 · Austin C Dixon, 26, of 13871 Rd 614; hold for other

· Tony Allen Donald, 54, of 201 Russell St, Union; failure to appear

 James E Eakes, 19, of 20617 Hwy 489, Union; hold for other agency

 Kelly Odom Handford, 51, of 2695 Hall Rd, Forest; driving under the influence/refusal to take test, contempt of court, possession of paraphernalia

· Richard Lynn Hopson, 42, of 51 Old Rock Rd, Lauderdale; serving sentence

· Sangarell Jernigan, 42, of 10083 Rd 145; simple assault causing bodily injury (negligence), domestic violence simple assault-1st

· Vertisa R Lewis, 33, of 9683 Hwy 484, Conehatta; driving under the influence-2nd offense

· Dustin Matthews, 21, of 181 Rosenburg Ave, Biloxi; driving under the influence

other substance, possession of marijuana-vehicle

· Janiesia Lashae Merritt, 25, of 1423 26th Ave Apt 1, Meridian; possession of marijuana-vehicle

 Martha Merritt of 12351 Rd 729; no charges listed

· Amanda Monk, 32, of 10090 Rd 705, Union; hold for other agency

· Johnny Dewayne Pike, 51, of 10051 Rd 264, Union; contempt of court

 Jennifer Quinn of 1320 N Columbus Ave, Louisville; hold for investigations, littering, disturbing the peace, malicious

mischief under \$1000.00 · Cam Albert Robbins, 36, of 16630 Rd 339; driving under the influence-1st offense

· William S Sciple, 20, of 3375 Stratton Rd, Union; failure to appear, contempt of

· Barbara Smith, 35, of 10191 337, Union; driving under the influence-1st offense, possession of controlled substance X2, possession of paraphernalia, disorderly conduct, improper/failure to signal, suspended drivers license DUI, no insurance,

seat belt violation · Daniel Smith, 43, of 10491 Hwy 21 N; possession of controlled substance, possession of firearm by convict-

• Patrick Solomon, 25, of 208 Rolling Hills Rd; driving under the influence-1st

offense · Guy Thomas Jr, 33, of 10073 Rd 367; hold for other agency, malicious mischief under \$1000.00

· Bailey Lauren Vance, 26, of 327 Cherry Ave; contempt

· Shelly S White, 21, of 12670 Hwy 491, Union; murder-capital

 Ayanna Odaysha Williams, 24, of 4711 13th St, Meridian; suspended drivers license, no insurance, no

license tag Bryan Zackery Bounds, 22, of 1108 Robin Hood Cir; driving under the influence-1st offense, careless driving

 Jasmine Rose Comby. 27, of 102 Cedar Hill Dr; driving under the influence-1st offense, careless driving

 Ricky Edmond, 51, of 10250 Rd 1321, Union; speeding-1 to 20 miles over limit, no insurance, seat belt violation, driving under the influence-2nd offense

· Jeffrey Coleman Hall, 59, of 11 Ford Ave, Newton; possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia, possession of marijuana-1st offense

• Tevarus Hardin, 28, of 515 West College St, Louisville; failure to appear X4

· Jaheim Hathorn, 20, of

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William Allen, right, holds a cellphone up so his son, Lucas Allen, on his birthday so he can have a conversation with Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben on Saturday.

12-year-old battling cancer thrown a drive-by parade

By STAFF REPORTS

A 12-year-old Tribal member battling cancer celebrated his birthday Saturday with a call from Choctaw Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben and a drive-by parade that included fire engines and police cars.

"A truly heartwarming story and one in which the love of our fellow Choctaws and neighbors shone brightly," the Tribe said in a Facebook post.

The boy, Lucas Allen of Bogue Chitto, has been battling cancer for the past three years.

Despite his diagnosis, he has been referred to as a "fearless fighter" on Facebook. His father, William Allen,

said the family was still processing the event and never expected so many to show out for sup-

"We were expecting maybe

expect the crowd to be that big. I still have yet to process everything.

William said his son is a fighter and seeing everyone's support and hearing so many prayers are made for him shows he's not alone in this fight.

"His family has always been there with him to keep his spirits up and cheer him on every day," the Tribe said. "But this year, for his birthday, they wanted to do something a little different.

"They put word out in the community that they wanted to do a birthday drive-thru event for Lucas."

And the community did not let Lucas down, they said.

A parade of first responders from Choctaw and the Carthage area drove by Lucas' aunt's home where Lucas was waiting.

"So many first responders

10 cars," he said. "We didn't came driving by the road!" officials said. "Several of them presented gifts to Lucas.'

> Ben personally called Lucas and wished him a Happy Birth-

> An avid Star Wars fan, Lucas was excited to receive Star Wars-themed gifts as well as snacks.

The Southern Pine Drummers drove by, and Lucas was presented with a Happy Birthday powwow song and an eagle feather, which in Native traditions is a great honor.

'Thank you to everyone who helped make Lucas' day a wonderful one! "the Tribe said.

"Please keep Lucas and his family in your thoughts and prayers for strength, encouragement and continued blessings! Happy Birthday, Lucas!"

Traffic stop nets 8 grams of meth

By STAFF REPORTS

More than 8 grams of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia were netted in a traffic last week, Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark said.

THE LORD'S DAY

Morning Worship

Sunday School (All Ages) 9:45 a.m

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Bryan Mitchell Cook, 38, of Mississippi 15. 2323 County Road 660, Quitman, was arrested and charged on Wednesday, April 14, Clark

Cook, according to Clark, was charged with:

- · Possession of a controlled substance
- Possession of paraphernalia Driving while license suspended

• No proof of liability Insur-

A Philadelphia Police officer on a transport to Winston County notified Neshoba County deputies of a reckless driver on

Deputies intercepted the vehicle and executed a traffic stop on Mississippi 15 north at the intersection of County Road 561 (north Pecan Avenue). The white Chevrolet Malibu they stopped was driven by Cook.

He was taken to the Neshoba County Detention Center where he is being held awaiting bond.

Cook is being held on \$31,700 in bond.

Clark urged the public to continue to share tips with Neshoba County Sheriff's Office at 601-656-1414 or Crime Stoppers at 1-855-485-8477 (TIPS).

County, Tribe meet winter weather damage criteria

By STAFF REPORTS

Following the completion of Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments, the State of Mississippi has requested a Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance following the Febru-

ary 11-19, 2021 Winter Storm. During this event, multiple rounds of wintry precipitation impacted that state resulting in dangerous road conditions, widespread power outages and damage to public infrastructure.

At this time, Neshoba County and 30 other counties and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians met their thresholds with an estimated total of approximately \$25 million worth of damage.

The request must be approved by the president for federal assistance to become available to local and county governments.



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Felon

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Habitual offender Robert Leon Jackson had been out of prison for seven months on the state's early release program when he murdered clerk Megan Staats and customer Jeremy Apperson at the CEFCO convenience store on Highway 16 west in August 2018.

Catchings was released to his home county of Copiah where he failed to check in with his supervisor as stipulated in the terms of early release.

Catchings' history of burglaries in Neshoba County goes back as far as 2010 when he was charged with burglary of a business. He was later charged in 2012 with strong-armed robbery for which he was later indicted as a habitual offender and was convicted.

Baker said authorities have been alerted to Catchings' activity in Neshoba County.

'He will face the consequences of violating the early release system," Baker said of when Catchings is apprehended on the MDOC warrant. "He will go back into custody."

Phillips enjoys cooking in the kitchen with son

By SARAH KATHRYN WATKINS

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asey Phillips is the mother of almost 2-year-old Jake Weston Phillips who loves anything to do with being outside.

He also enjoys helping his mom cook. "He has to stir everything and taste it," Phillips said. "He likes to scramble eggs

Phillips is the daughter of Mike Lewis and Pam Kirkland. Phillips has two stepbrothers and one stepsister.

Phillips is a Philadelphia High School graduate and then went on to get her degree in

One thing that led Phillips to be a nurse was watching family in the hospital being taken such good care of when they were

Phillips loves helping people, and this also called her to become a nurse. She works at Quality Healthcare in Louisville helping children on ventilators.

commutes Philadelphia to Louisville.

When Phillips is not working, she enjoys getting together with friends and family on the weekends and having potlucks. She also enjoys reading and watching movies.

To Phillips and her family, it is essential to get together, eat, and spend time with one anoth-

Phillips' mother lives in Brandon and she travels to see her or her mother comes to Philadelphia to see them.

Since her son is beginning to enjoy cooking, Phillips is excited to teach him all the things her mother and grandmothers, Frances Lewis and Rose Alford, taught her growing up.

She is a very picky eater, and she swore her son would never be that way. But so far, Jake seems to love everything new

Phillips loves baking in her home, and she also likes to make casseroles.

"I like making casseroles because I always have enough for leftovers or to take to work with me for lunch," Phillips said. "They are staples in our house."

Her son loves the chicken roll-up recipe she cooks and a spaghetti bake. She is passionate about being the best mom to her son and is looking forward to can finally go swimming again.

TACO BAKE 2 cans of crescent rolls 1 lb. ground beef

2 cups fiesta blend shredded cheese

1 pkg of taco seasoning Brown ground beef and drain. Add in taco seasoning. In a baking dish, line bottom of dish with 1 can of crescent



Casey Phillips and son Jake Weston Phillips

rolls. Then add in beef and cheese. Cover with other can of crescent rolls. Bake at 350 until crescent rolls are done.

(May top with salsa, lettuce, and sour cream according to preference).

CHICKEN ROLL UPS

2 can crescent rolls 3 boneless chicken breast 2 cups shredded cheese

COOK OF THE WEEK

1 can cream of chicken

soup 1 cup chicken broth Salt and pepper to taste Boil chicken and shred. In

a bowl, combine broth and

soup with salt and pepper. In baking dish take individual crescent rolls and add chicken and cheese. Rolling each one when filled. After dish is lined with roll ups, pour mixture on top and finish off with cheese. Bake at 350 until rolls are golden brown.

> CHOCOLATE PIE Stir together:

1 cup sugar 2 tbsp cocoa (or as much or

little as you like) Then add and beat with whisk: (to get rid of all lumps) 3 beaten egg yolks (save

whites for margarine) 2 cups "Pet" milk (Evapo-

rated milk) Baked Pie crust Cook in a double boiler or

cast-iron skillet until thick.

Then add ½ stick of margarine and 1 tbsp vanilla – stir well. Pour into pie shell. Beat egg whites till stiff; add ¼ cup sugar and 1 tsp vanilla- beat until mixed. Spread on top of pie and brown margarine in oven on broil.

Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS friends@neshobademocrat.com

Philadelphia High School has announced its 2021 STAR Student and STAR Teacher. Emma Taylor was chosen as the STAR Student and Mrs. Ann Fisacerly is the STAR

STAR Students are named by the Mississippi Economics Council M. B. Swayze Foundation, sponsor of the Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) Program. STAR Students choose a STAR Teacher who has greatly impacted their scholastic achievement. Congratulations to Emma and Mrs. Fisacerly!

Tyler Jordan Greer will attend the University of Kentucky in the fall to begin pursuing a master's degree as a fellow. He will study trombone under the auspices of Professor Brad Kerns.

Tyler has accepted the Lyman T. Johnson Fellowship which includes a \$15,000.00 stipend, a full graduate tuition scholarship, and a health care plan. Selecting the University of Kentucky from several other universities was not easy to do. He feels he has made the right choice for him and is grateful to everyone who supported him and encouraged him throughout his undergraduate career.

Congratulations and best wishes as you continue to further your education and nourish your exceptional musical talent!

Sounds of happy voices, laughter, and music filled the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church on the evening of Saturday, March 12. The annual Father-Daughter Banquet which had been canceled last year due to the pandemic. This made the event for 2021

extra special. Proud fathers escorted excited daughters into the beautifully decorated Family Life Center. Many of the daughters wore wrist corsages for the event, others were so tiny that their wrists would not hold a corsage. They were served a scrumptious dinner at tables covered in white cloths with centerpieces of gold crowns holding an exquisite arrangement of white flowers

and pink roses. After dinner, the guests went onto the dance floor where fathers danced with their daughters, some of whom were toddlers whose motor skills were still a work in progress. Some fathers had more than one daughter so they danced together in a small group. It was a charming sight to watch.

A photo op was set up with a shimmery backdrop and an arch of pink, white, and gold balloons in front of it and more balloons floated above the floor. Fathers and their daughters posed for pictures together and groups of girls posed together. The pictures will be reminders of the wonderful time they had at the Father-Daughter Banquet in 2021

Congratulations to the Neshoba Central NJROTC for their first-place finish at the Lafayette drill meet on Saturday, March 10.

Team trophies include First Place in Personnel Inspection commanded by Lacie Chickaway, First Place in Unarmed Basic Drill commanded by

delightful occasion was the Lindsey Beckham, First Place in Armed Basic Drill, commanded by Oscar Bell, First Place in Color Guard, commanded by Liberty Kaufman, First Place in Armed Exhibition Drill, commanded by Oscar Bell, and Two Man Tandem Drill by Oscar Bell and Damien Clark.

Philadelphia High School held its 2021 Senior Prom on the evening of April 10 at The Venue. The theme was "Maskerade," An Elegant Night to Remember," and it really was. The Venue was beautifully decorated with shimmering lights, balloons in white and gold, huge green plants, all of which created an air of quiet elegance. Wide gold ties accented the backs of each chair and matched the gold toppers on the table cloths

The guests danced to the music of DJ Jigga JT whose interaction with the guests added so much fun. His playlist kept the dance floor teeming with activity.

The refreshment table was covered in a floor-length cloth with a shimmering black runner and silver Mardi Gras masks. It was perfect! Guests enjoyed food catered by Ronnie's. Special cookies iced and decorated with the words, 'Seniors 2021" and "Prom" written in black icing were served from trays with masks

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Clark named Music Educator of the Year

Lisa Clark, a Louisville native, daughter of William and Patsy Clark and granddaughter of the late James and Zexa Dunigan of Philadelphia, is the Director of SATB and SSA Madrigals and the SSA Choir at Madison Central and Choral Director at Rosa Scott High School. She has been named MHSAA Music Educator of the Year for the state of Mississippi and the Section 3 NFHS (National Federation of High Schools) Music Educator of the Year, representing Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Clark will advance and compete against seven other NFHS winners for the NFHS National Music Educator Award. Clark began her teaching career at Neshoba Central High School.



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Engagements

Sonya Denise Young to wed Joseph Salisbury this Fall

Sonya Denise Young of Philadelphia, Mississippi, is to be married to Joseph Edward Salisbury of Bradenton, Florida at Ely Mills, Gatlinburg, Tennessee in the fall.

Ms. Young, the daughter of the late Mr. Melvin Williamson and late Ms. Judy Lynnette Moore of Jackson, Mississippi, is a graduate of Meridian Community College and works as a nurse at Neshoba General Nursing Home.

Mr. Salisbury, son of Ms. Dorothy Coutermarsh and the late William Salisbury of Bradenton, Florida, is a golf course groundskeeper at The Country Club of Jackson.



Joseph Edward Salisbury and Sonya Denise Young

Of Local Interest

CHURCH HOMECOMING

May 2. Homecoming Salem Baptist Church, Kemper County. Services begin at 10:45 with pot-luck lunch to follow. Pastor: Rev Alan Hawkins

CLOTHES GIVEAWAY

We are hosting a clothes giveaway at the Neshoba County Baptist Association on Thursday, April 22 from 9:00-11:00.

This event will be held inside in the gym and is open to everybody. We have clothes for children, youth, men, women and lots of shoes and boots.

PRE-K PROGRAM **SCREENING**

If you or someone you know has a 4 year-old child that you would like to have tested for possible placement in the Philadelphia Pre-Kindergarten Program, please call the Elementary Office at 601-656-2000 to set up an appointment on February 26, 2021. Parents may call between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Pre-Kindergarten Program will be housed at Philadelphia Elementary School. Children will be screened for enrollment with a pre-kindergarten skills assessment. The children with the greatest academic need will have priority in placement.

The Pre-K class will adhere to the regular schedule of Philadelphia Public Schools. Pre-K students will be offered breakfasts and lunches by the Philadelphia Public School District Food Services. Applicants may start turning applications in on February 26,2021. Applicants must be toilet-trained. Students residing outside the Philadelphia Public School District are not eligible for the Pre-K program at Philadelphia Elementary. Pre-K students residing within the Philadelphia City Limits may be eligible for transportation.

In order to have a child tested for possible placement, parents must bring the following items to the testing appointment:

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cate (child must be 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2021); The child's social security card; The child's immunization record

FARMERS MARKET

Neshoba County Vegetable Growers Association is hosting a Vendors' Meeting on Tuesday, April 27th at 1:00 p.m. at the Philadelphia Farm Bureau Building Conference Room. If you are interested in becoming a vendor at Neshoba County's excellent Farmers Markets, then you need to attend this meeting! Anyone who grows fruits or vegetables in a safe manner or creates some other homemade product is eligible to join. All other information about becoming a vendor will be presented at

this Vendors' Meeting. any questions about the ment or property deed meeting. The address of the Farm Bureau Conference Room is below: Main St. Philadelphia, MS

CHUNN REUNION Join us for the 33rd Annu-

al Chunn Reunion Sunday, May 2,2021 @ Union City Park. Family gathering at 11:30 potluck lunch at 12:00 Contact 601-604-7950 (Arron) or 601-416-3310 (Thurman). Due to damage to the building we will use the open site next door.

NESHOBA CENTRAL PRE-K

The Pre-Kindergarten Program is located at the Neshoba County School District, Office of Federal Programs/Pre-K building at 1125 Golf Course Road. Students are screened for enrollment by a pre-kindergarten test. The program is designed to serve those children with the most academic/ developmental needs, and will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2021. The classes will begin and end to coincide with the regular school term at Neshoba County Schools. Participating students' parents will be required to provide transportation to and from the center. As other students in the school district, pre-k students will be offered break-

fasts and lunches by the Neshoba County School District Food Services.

Registration and testing will be conducted from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., on May 19 - 21. We ask that one parent attend with the child being tested.

To register a child for the pre-k program, guardians must provide the following documents:

Two (2) of the following proofs of residency:

• IF RENTING/LEAS-ING: Current notarized official home/apartment lease/rental agreement with length of lease and Parent's or Guardian's name included on lease/rental agreement (THIS MUST BE ONE OF THE PROOFS IF LEASING OR RENTING and one of

the following #3-#6) Filed Homestead Please call the extension Exemption application form office at 601-656-4011 for OR current mortgage docu-

OR voter identification card • Current utility bill

(dated within 60 days) showing the service location with parent's or guardian's name listed (acceptable bills: electricity, gas, water, or landline telephone)

• Automobile registration

• Any other document that will objectively and unequivocally establish that the parent or guardian resides within the school district, and in the case of a student living with a legal guardian who is a bona fide resident of the school district. (Official government documentation -i.e.current tax year return, social security statement, DHS statement, etc.)

• Property Tax Card, Property Deed, or other document that states the residency property's

Section, Township, and

C. The child's certified birth certificate from Mississippi State Department of Health Vital Records (601-206-8200) (child must be 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2021),

D. The child's social security card,

E. The child's MS certificate of immunization compliance form (Form no. 121) checked and signed,

F. CDIB (if applicable).

Friends

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that carried out the theme. Cupcakes added more sweetness to the evening. The cupcakes were made by Nicole Seales and the cookies by Penelope Parks Saxon.

The Prom King and Queen were announced and crowned during the evening. The Queen was Markasia Dupree and the King was Tekavius (Boogie) Bingham.

Prior to the Prom, students were taken to The Dancing Rabbit Golf Clubhouse for pictures in various areas of the beautiful site. Thanks to those who made this possible. It was so special!

Senior sponsors are Ann Fisacerly, Barbie Whitehead, and Danielle Spurlock who decorated along with parents, Amy and Mark Taylor, Candee and Richard Beckham, Melisha Hancock, and Gina Daly. Thank you for all of your time and effort that made this a memorable event. Chaperones were Dr. Hull, Steve Eiland, Lanetta McKenzie, Trent Hanna, Sarah Alexander, and Georgia Grace. Thank you for contributing your time to this

Jane Parker recently celebrated her 84th birthday by having lunch with friends at

happy event.

City Limits.

As the honoree, she sat at the head of the table where she could see all who attended. Her cake, flowers and balloons, as well as her gifts, were on a table near her.

After a delicious lunch, her friends sang "Happy Birthday" to her and watched her blow out the candles.

Enjoying the cake and the celebration were Duaine and Lou Morgan, Tammy Huber, René Wood, Linda Murray, Kaye Rowell, Laura Thrash, Sandi Lewis, Karen McKay, Cindy Brown and Roberta Byars. Several friends were unable to attend but sent their birthday wishes to this sweet

No. 1 Lady Rockets enter week with 22-0 record

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY steve@neshobademocrat.com

The Neshoba Central Lady Rockets, ranked No. 1 in the nation, picked up four wins last week and improved to 22-0 on the season

The Lady Rockets opened the week with a 15-1 win over Cleveland Central. They picked up two forfeit wins over Holmes Central. Neshoba Central then closed out the week with a 9-2 win over Choctaw Central.

The Lady Rockets close out their regular season this week with two games against West Lauderdale. The Lady Rockets will visit West Lauderdale on Tuesday and host the Lady Knights Thursday.

The state playoffs start Friday with a play-in series between the second and third place teams. Neshoba Central won its region and will draw a first round bye. Their first play-

off game will be Monday against the winner between Center Hill and Canton.

"We have a special group of young ladies who love the game," Coach Zach Sanders said. "We have played some close games and were able to come out with the win and were able to be 22-0.

"We were fortunate enough three years ago to be No. 1 in the nation. Two years ago, we were No. 3 in the nation, and last year,

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the COVID-19 stopped the season. We have been able to continue on with our success. It is something great for the young ladies who are playing.'

Against Cleveland Central, Elleigh Willis allowed one hit and struck out six batters to pick up the victory.

The Lady Rockets scored nine in the first, five in the third and one in the fourth. Cleveland scored its run in the first inning.

Willis had one hit and

AnnaLeigh Jones hit a triple and a single. She knocked in three runs. Tenly Grisham had two hits, scored three runs and knocked in two more. Charmanye Morris had three hits, scored two runs and knocked in two more.

Neshoba Central came on strong in the late innings to take the win over Choctaw Central.

The Lady Rockets scored two in the first, four in the fifth

knocked in three runs. and three in the sixth. Choctaw Central scored one in the second and one in the sixth,

Willis was the winning pitcher, She struck out four batters. Neera Bell was the losing

Willis hit a home run and AnnaLeigh Jones hit a double. Morris had two and had two hits. Mauhree Jones had one hit, scored two runs and knocked in

LEGALS

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE WHEREAS, on September 29, 2016, a

Deed of Trust was executed by Justus Ryan Vance and Hanna B. Vance to Thomas R. Hudson, Trustee for BankPlus, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Book 2016 at Pages 9294-9306, in the office of the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi; WHEREAS, on the 10th day of March, 2021, the Holder of said Land Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Steven D. Settlemires, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2021, at Pages 1924-1925; and WHEREAS, default theindebtedness secured by the said Land Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Land Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 23rd day of April, 2021, I will during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the North door of the Neshoba County Courthouse at Philadelphia, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Neshoba County, Mississip pi, to-wit; Begin at the point where the South right-of-way line of River Road intersects the West right-of-way line of Barrett Lake Road in the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 34, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, and run thence in a Southwesterly direction along the West right-of-way line of Barrett Lake Road for a distance of 270 feet; thence run in a Northeasterly direction to the South right-of-way line of River Road at a point 135 feet Northwesterly of point of beginning; thence run Southeasterly along the South right-of-way line of River Road for a distance of 135 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 3/4 acre, more or less, and being situated in the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 34, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi. I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 22nd day of March, 2021. /s/Steven D. SettlemiresSteven D. SettlemiresSubstituted Trustee Settlemires & Graham PLLC410 East Beacon StreetPhiladelphia, MS 39350Telephone: (601)656-9597MSBN: 99674 Publish: March 31,

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

2021, April 7, 2021, April 14, 2021 and

April 21, 2021 52479

WHEREAS, on 23 rd day of June 2020, Mark A. Davis, executed a Deed of Trust to Daniel F. Mars, Trustee for the benefit of Clifton Jones, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 2020 at Pages 7873 - 7874, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi: and WHEREAS, the aforesaid Deed of Trust was assigned to Mark A. Davis by instrument dated the 23 rd day of June 2020, and recorded in Book 2020, at Pages 7873 7874 of the records of the aforesaid Chancerv Clerk: and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and the entire debt secured thereby, having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, Clifton Jones having requested the undersigned Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sum due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expenses of sale; NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel F. Mars, Trustee, in said Deed of Trust, will on Thursday, 22 April 2021, offer for sale and will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, between the legal hours of 11 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at the North door of the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, to wit: THE FOLLOWING LAND LYING AND BEING SITUATED IN NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:Lot 5, Shady Oaks Subdivision, Part #2, as per plat on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, Plat book #1, page I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 22nd day of March, 2021. /s/Daniel F. MarsDANIEL F. MARS, TRUSTEE PRE-PARED BY:DANIEL F. MARSMARS, MARS & MARS, P.A.ATTORNEYS AT LAWP.O. BOX 612PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350601-656-2152MSBN: 1872 Publish: 31 March, 7, 14 April 2021 52477

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF **NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI** IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LAURA LUCILLE PARKER. **DECEASED CIVIL ACTION NO: 2020-**161 WANDA WOODRUFF PETITION-**ER SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION** THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, whether resident/ non resident of the state of Mississippi, claiming any right, title or interest as heirs of LAURA LUCILLE PARKER, deceased. You have been made a Respondent in the Motion to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Wanda Woodruff Petitioner, seeking to adjudicate the sole and only heirs-atlaw of Laura Lucille Parker, deceased, as fully set out in the Motion on file in the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Motion

to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 12th day of May, 2021, in the courtroom of Neshoba County in Philadelphia, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgement will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 1st day of April, 2021. /s/Guy NowellGuy Nowell, Chancery Court ClerkNeshoba County, Mississippi BY: /s/W.SavellD.C. Steven D. SettlemiresSettlemires & Graham410 East Beacon StreetPhiladelphia, MS 39350601-656-9597MSBN

IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT-MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE **ESTATE OF JAYLION DENARD JIM** DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2020-140 SHERRY CHARLIE ADMINISTRA-TRIX SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION-THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, whether resident/ non resident of the state of Mississippi, claiming any right, title or interest as heirs of Jaylion Denard Jim, deceased. You have been made a Respondent in the Petition to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Sherry Charlie, Administratrix, seeking to adjudicate the sole andonly heirs-at-law of Jaylion Denard Jim, deceased, as fully set out in the Motion on file in the Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action at 1:00 o'clock P.M. on the 18th day of May,2021, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Court in the Smith John Justice Complex located on the Pearl River Reservation, Choctaw, Mississippi, and incase of your failure to appear and defend a judgement will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 31st day of March 2021. /s/Jennileen YoungTRIBAL COURT CLERK Steven D. SettlemiresSettlemires & Graham, PLLC410 East Beacon StreetPhiladelphia, MS 39350601-656-9597MSBN: 99674 52504

IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT-MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF BESSIE FRAZIER, DECEASED CAUSE NO.: 2020-23 GWEN WILLIS PETITIONER SUMMONS BY PUBLI-CATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, whether resident/ non resident of the state of Mississippi, claiming any right, title or interest as heirs of Bessie Frazier, deceased. You have been made a Respondent in the Petition to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Gwen Willis, Administratrix, seeking to adjudicate the sole and nly heirs-at-law of Bessie Frazier, deceased, as fully set out in the Motion on file in the Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action at 1:30 o'clock P.M. on the 18th day of May,2021, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Court in the Smith John Justice Complex located on the Pearl River Reservation, Choctaw, Mississippi, and incase of your failure to appear and defend a judgement will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 31st day of March 2021. /s/Jennileen YoungTRIBAL COURT CLERK Steven D. SettlemiresSettlemires & Graham, PLLC410 East Beacon StreetPhiladelphia, MS 39350601-656-9597MSBN: 99674 52503

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROYAL ALTON HAMILTON. **DECEASEDCIVIL ACTION NO.:2020-**171GARY HAMILTON ADMINISTRA-TOR NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration being granted on the 5th day of August 2020, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Gary Hamilton, upon the Estate of Royal Alton Hamilton, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the first date of publication or they will be forever barred.THIS, the 25th day of March, 2021./s/Gary HamiltonGARY HAMILTON. Administrator of the Estateof Royal Alton Hamilton, deceased-CALEB E. MAY (MS Bar #102593) ATTORNEY AT LAW PLLC422 Center AvenueP.O. Box 388Philadelphia. Mississippi 39350Email: calebemay@ gmail.comPhone/Fax: (601) 656-4830

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als from qualified firms to provide the following services: Broadband Assessment and FeasibilityStudy of Neshoba County; Broadband Network Design; and, a Financial Model for Implementation and Maintenance of a Broadband Network for Neshoba County. Qualified firms are invited to submit their proposal via Neshoba County's secure electronic bidding site at www.neshobacountv.net not later than 12:00 noon onWednesday, May 12th, 2021. Detailed specifications, requirements and bid forms for the above described services may be obtained from the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors office at theNeshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 201, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350, by calling 601-656-6281 or on Neshoba County's website at www.neshobacounty.net. INSTRUC-TIONS TO BIDDERS: All responses to this request for proposals shall be returned, with detailed proposals included therewith, in a single PDF document, and submitted electronically atwww.neshobacounty.net/bids under the correct bid solicitation, by 12:00 PM, local time, on Wednesday, May 12th, 2021. It shall be incumbent upon each offering vendor to understand the specifications as listed herein and to obtain clarification when necessary. It is not the intent of these specifications to limit the bidding to any particular provider of services, but rather toselect such services to provide for specific needs and specific tasks. Any reference to name-brand materials or equipment is intended to establish the minimum necessarystandards only and bids submitted on materials and equipment equal thereto, at the sole discretion and determination of Neshoba County, shall be considered. Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi on the 5th day of April 2021. /s/GUY NOWELLGUY NOWELL, CLERKBOARD OF SUPERVISORS-NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI Publication dates: April 14th and April 21st, 2021 52510

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBA COUNTY. MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRA-TION OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH EARL TOWNSEND, DECEASED CIV-IL ACTION FILE NO. 19-428 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Kenneth Earl Townsend, Deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 18th day of February, 2020, by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi in Civil Action, File No. 2019-428, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to have such claims probated and registered by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred. Bonnie Townsend Administratrix of the Estate of Kenneth Earl Townsend, Deceased JIM ARNOLDMSB NO. 1625435 EAST BEACON STREETPHILA-DELPHIA, MS 39053TELEPHONE: (601) 656-6914FACSIMILE: (601) 656-6958E-MAIL: jarnoldlawoffice@att. net Publish: April 14, 21 and 28 52515

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Philadelphia UtilitiesPhiladelphia MSRange Avenue Water Tank Painting General NoticePhiladelphia Utilities (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project: Range Avenue Water Tank Painting 72303 Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the office of Philadelphia Utilities located at 435 Myrtle Street, Philadelphia, MS, until Thursday, May 13, 2021, at 10:00 AM local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project includes the following Work:Repainting the interior and exterior of a 500,000 gallon elevated tank and related items Bids are requested for the following Contract: Range Avenue Water Tank Painting The Project has an expected duration of 90 days. Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website: https://www.allenhoshallplanroom.com Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to registerwith the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents. including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website. A copy of the plans and specifications may be examined at: the office of the Engineer, Allen & Hoshall, 1675Lakeland Drive, Suite 207, Jackson, Mississippi, 39216 and at the office of Philadelphia Utilities, Philadelphia, Mississippi. Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check on a solvent bank or a Bidder's Bond issued by a Surety Company licensed to operate in the State of Mississippi, in the amount of 5% of the total bid price, as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will

enter into a contract and execute the

Performance and Payment Bonds in the form and within the time specified. The successful Bidder will be required to execute a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of 100% of the Contract, issued by a Surety Company licensed to operate in the State and shall be named in the current list of "Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds and asAcceptable Reinsuring Companies" as published in Circular 570 (amended) by the Audit Staff Bureau of Accounts, U.S. Treasury Department. Each Bidder shall have a Certificate of Responsibility to bid on contracts for public projects in which the bid price exceeds \$50,000.00 and for private projects in which the bid price exceeds \$100,000.00 as required by the laws of the State of Mississippi, Each Bidder shall show on the outside of the envelope containing his bid: his current certificate of responsibility number and expiration date or if applicable, a statement certifying that the bid enclosed does not exceed \$50,000.00 for a public project or \$100,000.00 for a private project. Failure to show these items on the outside of the envelope containing the bid will result in the bid being returned to Bidder unopened. No Bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after date of actual bid opening, without Owner's consent. Philadelphia Utilities reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received, to waive any informalities in the bids received, and to accept any proposal which is deemed most favorable to Philadelphia Utilities. This Advertisement is issued by:Owner: Philadelphia UtilitiesBy: Kirk Morgan-Title: ManagerDate: April 14, 2021 and April 21, 2021 52516

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH EARL TOWNSEND. **DECEASED CIVIL ACTION FILE** NO. 19-428 RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF NESHOBA

TO: All unknown heirs of Kenneth Earl Townsend, Deceased You have been made a respondent in the Petition to Determine Heirs filed with the Court by Bonnie Townsend seeking a judicial determination of the rightful heirs at law of Kenneth Earl Townsend. All other known heirs are Petitioner, Bonnie Townsend and Isaiah Townsend. You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M on the 25th day of May, 2021, at the Neshoba County Chancery Courthouse, Philadelphia, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the things demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THIS COURT, this the 8th day of April, 2019. GUY NOWELLNESHOBA COUNTY CHANCERY CLERKBy: /s/G Tate D.C. Jim Arnold435 East Beacon StreetPhiladephia, MS 39350Telephone: 601-656-6914Facsimile: 601-656-6958E-Mail: jarnoldlawoffice@att.net Publish: April 14, 21 and

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The NESHOBA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS will receive competitive Reverse Auction Bids to be submitted electronically via the Neshoba County website at www.neshobacounty.net with said Reverse Auction occurring via invitation on a date and during a time to be specified from qualified vendors in response to this solicitation for acquiring the following equipment: a. Fifteen (15) or more. new, Body-worn cameras with cloudbased evidence management system and accessories to provide a complete Digital Evidence Management System for the Neshoba County Sheriff's Department with warranty, support and maintenance for a five (5) year period. Detailed specifications for the above described equipment and bid forms may be obtained from the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors office at the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 201, Philadelphia Mississippi 39350, by calling 601-656-6281 or on Neshoba County's website at www.neshobacounty.net. Neshoba County, Mississippi will determine if compliance with the specifications exist before accepting any bid. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:AII responses to the solicitation for bodyworn cameras and digital evidence management system shall be returned with detailed proposals included therewith, less the fixed price amount to be bid, in a single PDF document, and submitted electronically at www. neshobacounty.net under the correct bid solicitation, by 12:00 PM, local time, on Wednesday, May 12 th, 2021 or alternatively the detailed proposal should be placed in a sealed envelope marked "2021 Body-Camera Bid" along with the date and time of said proposal opening, and filed with the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors C/O Chancery Clerk Guy Nowell, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 107, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350 by the same date and time. It shall be incumbent upon each bidder to understand the specifications as listed herein and to obtain clarification when necessary. It is not the intent of these specifications to limit the bidding toany particular

make or manufacturer of equipment

or provider of services, but rather to select such emergency equipment or services to provide for specific needs and specific tasks. Any reference to name-brand materials or equipment is intended to establish the minimum necessary standards only and bids submitted on materials and equipment equal there to, at the sole discretion and determination of Neshoba County shall be considered. Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi on the 5th day of April 2021. /s/GUY NOWELL-GUY NOWELL, CLERKBOARD OF SUPERVISORSNESHOBA COUNTY MISSISSIPPI Publication dates: April 14th and April 21st , 2021 52519

IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OFCHRISTOPHER PAUL ISAAC. DECEASED, DOROTHY LUDLOW, **ADMINISTRATRIX CAUSE NO.:** 2020-555 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 23 rd day of September, 2020, by the Choctaw Tribal Court Clerk, Mississippi, to the undersigned, Dorothy Ludlow, upon the Estate of Christopher Paul Isaac, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according tolaw within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred. This the 12th day of March 2021. /S/DOROTHY LUDLOWDORO THY LUDLOW, ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER PAUL ISAAC, DECEASED 52520

STATE OF MISSISSIPPICOUNTY OF **NESHOBA SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S** NOTICE OF SALE WHEREAS, on May 11, 2013, a Real

Estate Deed of Trust was executed

to James M. Mars, II, Trustee for

by JAY and CHRISTINA BRADFORD

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ness therein described, which Real Estate Deed of Trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 2013 at Page 4397, in the office of the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississip pi, andWHEREAS, on the 8th day of June, 2020, the Holders of said Real Estate Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Tammy C. Smith, as Trustee of said Real Estate Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2021, at Page 3055; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Real Estate Deed of Trust, and the holders of said Real Estate Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 6th day of May, 2021, I will during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the North door of the Neshoba County Courthouse at Philadelphia, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to-wit:Beginning at the SW Corner of the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 4, Township 9 North, Range 12 East, for the point of beginning; thence run East along the North right-of-way line of a county road known as Sharp Road 210 feet; thence run North 210 feet; thence run West 210 feet to the Eastern right-of- way of Deemer Road; thence run South along the Eastern right-of-way 210 feet to the point of beginning; containing one (1) acre, more or less, being one (1) acre in the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 4, Township 9 North, Rang 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Together with all buildings and improvements situated thereon but not limited to, One 1999 doublewide Southern Energy mobile home, off white in color, being 28w x 68l, and being serial # DSEAL13566AB with all attachmentslocated therein.I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 12th day of April, 2021./s/Tammy C. SmithTAMMY C. SMITH, MSBN 9526 SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEEATTORNEY AT LAWP.O. BOX 624PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350TELE-PHONE: (601) 389-5888PUBLISH: April 14, 2021, April 21, 2021, April 28, 2021, and May 5, 2021.

TITLE OF ABANDONMENT MOTOR

Triple P. Services Center929 Gum StreetPhiladelphia, Ms 39350 MAKE: 2008 Kia SPCVIN #: KNAFE-121485533892PLACE OF SALE: Triple P. Services CenterSALE DATE: 04/28/2021 at 8am at 929 Gum Street Philadelphia, MS 39350OWNED BY: Ann Jones or Richard Jr, 961 Tatum Camp Rd Apt B, Hattiesburg, MS 39402LIEN HOLDER: Capital One Auto Finance, PO Box 660068, Sacramento, CA 95866

TITLE OF ABANDONMENT MOTOR VEHICLE

Triple P. Services Center929 Gum StreetPhiladelphia, Ms 39350 MAKE: 1998 Ford EPTVIN #: 1FMRU1763WL-C21056PLACE OF SALE: Triple P. Ser vices CenterSALE DATE: 04/28/2021 at 8am at 929 Gum Street Philadelphia, MS 39350OWNED BY: Derrick L Pickens, PO Box 22, Madden, MS 39109LIEN HOLDER: HouseHold Auto Finance, PO Box 17548, Baltimore, MD 21297

TITLE OF ABANDONMENT MOTOR **VEHICLE**

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Public Meeting East Mississippi Community College A public meeting will be held at the EMCC Police Department at 631 5 th Street, Scooba Mississippi, on Monday May 3rd. 2021 @ 9:30 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the public to become acquainted with the EMCC's application for Federal Funding through the Rural Development Community Facilities Program and discuss whether any environmental impacts would be involved.

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April 21, 2021BY: Choctaw Housing Authority P. O. Box 6088Choctaw, MS 39350 PROJECT: HVAC Replacements for (29) Housing Units ICDBG Project-LOCATION: Neshoba County Pearl River Community CONTRACTING OF-FICER: Eric T. Willis, Executive Director **DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES: The** contractor shall provide project administration, job supervision, skilled and common labor, equipment, adhere to the Davis-Bacon Labor Law, provide Indian preference, provide insurance as required by Choctaw Housing Authority, perform and complete all requirements as specified in the Scope of Work(s). Choctaw Housing Authority request work to be done in a prioritized order. The contractor will be given a total of Twenty-five (29) weeks to complete the project. Bid forms and Scope of Work(s) may be picked up at the Choctaw Housing Authority for a (non-refundable) fee of \$50.00. Contact Peggy Thompson, Procurement Officer for more information at (601) 656-6617. Sealed bids must be accompanied by a 5% Bid Bond or will not be accepted. A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on May 5, 2021 at the Maintece Building of the Choctay Hou ing Authority located at 13660 HWY 16 West, Choctaw, MS 39350. Sealed bids are due no later than: 10:00 a.m. ON May 18, 2021 - BID OPENING at the Procurement Office, ATTN: Peggy Thompson. No late bids will be accepted. At the set time, there will be a public bid opening where bids will be opened and read. Choctaw Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Indian Preference will be given to all qualified Indian-Owned companies. 52540

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The Neshoba County Board of Education as Trustees for the Neshoba County School District, Philadelphia. Mississippi, will receive bids at the County Superintendent's Office, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. Friday, May 7. 2021, for the County School Depository to be used by the Neshoba County Schools for three consecutive years beginning July 1, 2021. PARTICULARS CONCERNING SPECIFICATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION'S OFFICE, 580 EAST MAIN STREET, PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI. ALL BIDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED ON THE BID PROPOSAL FORM, WHICH MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT. Bids will be opened and tabulated on Friday, May 7, 2021, and awarded on Friday May 14, 2021. The board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive informalities. BY ORDER OF THE NESHOBA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AS TRUSTEES FOR THE NESHOBA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT. PHILADELPHIA. MISSIS-SIPPI, MARCH 12, 2021, ATTEST: D. Lundy Brantley, Superintendent of EducationNeshoba County School District BY: Davis Fulton, President-Neshoba County Board of Education as Trustees for the Neshoba County School District 52543

Yellowjackets win fourth 2A powerlifting championship

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY steve@neshobademocrat.com

The Union High School powerlifting team dominated the Class 2A division of the Mississippi High School Activities Association's state powerlifting championships last Saturday.

It was the fourth straight state championship for the Yellowjackets. Union's powerlifters led the classifications with 54 points. Scott Central was in second with 32 points followed by Bruce with 31 points and Lake with 23 points.

Of their 10 lifters, Union had six first places, two second places and two third places.

"It would have been our fifth straight," said Coach Darryl Jones. "We got cut off because of the COVID-19 pandemic. We won the North State and looked good going into state. We had a great team. Then it was canceled."

Lifters compete in three lifts:



Members of the Union High School powerlifting team pictured are, from left, Coach Jay Cassel, Zeus Thompson, Drew Sharp, Jaheim Gill, Carlos Hickman, Jacob Moore, Raylond Nettles, Alex Sharp, Zach Collins, John O'Neal, Brandon Killens, Alec Pientowski and coach Darryl Jones.

the squat, the deadlift and the bench press. The pounds lifted are totaled. The lifter with the most pounds lifted wins.

Jacob Moore set three 2A state records in the 275 pound class. His total pounds lifted of 1,680 pounds was a state record as were his 700 pound squat and Central next fall. his 675 dead lift.

Moore is a senior and has signed to play football with East

Zach Collins placed second in the 275 class with a total of 1,500 pounds.

Alex Sharp won the 308pound division with a total of 1,480 pounds. Alec Pientowski was third in the division with 1,300 pounds lifted.

Brandon Killens won the 220 pound division with a lift of 1,360 pounds.

John O'Neal was second in the 242 division with a total lift on 1,350 pounds. O'Neal actually tied for first place in the division. But he outweighed the other lifter and that was the tie

Raylond Nettles won the 198 pound division with a total of 1,400 pounds lifted.

Jaheim Gill won the 181 pound division with a total of 1,335 pounds lifted.

Carlos Hickman won the 165 pound division with a total lift of 1,265 pounds.

Drew Sharp placed third in the 123 pound division with a total of 785 pounds.

Philadelphia mixed doubles team heading to state tourney

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY steve@neshobademocrat.com

Philadelphia High School's Trey Posey and Ruthie Storment have advanced to the Class 2A state tennis tournament which will be held starting Monday in Oxford.

The Mississippi High School Activities Association tournament for Class 1A and Class 2A schools will be held at the FNC Tennis Center Stone Park.

Posey and Storment are seeking the mixed doubles gold medals. They are 10-0 as a team and recently won the district tournament which was held at Pisgah. The region was made up of Philadelphia, Pisgah, Madi-

son St. Joseph and Union. They will enter the tournament as the third seed.

"The competition was tough at district," Posey said. "We beat St. Joseph in the finals to advance. Anytime you beat a Saint school from the Jackson area, you've done something. Most of their kids grow up with

tennis lessons. With us, it was show up to practice and learn."

Both are juniors. They have played in the state tournament in 2019. Of course, there was no state tournament in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pan-

Posey went as a singles player while Storment played girls doubles and mixed doubles.

Both have been playing tennis for several years. Storment started in the sixth grade while Posey started when he was 10 years old.

"My dad (Bob Posey) coaches the team so I have always been around practices," Posey

They will open play in the state tournament against French

"It's going to be a tough match," Storment said.

Storment also played soccer at Philadelphia High School. Posey plays football and soccer.

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Taylor receives Callahan scholar-athlete award

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY steve@neshobademocrat.com

Emma Taylor was called to the principal's office last week.

Upon arriving, principal Steve Eiland assured her she wasn't in trouble. She sat down and Eiland got on the school's intercom.

"He said, 'May I have your attention? The Mississippi High School Activities Association has named Emma Taylor as a Lindy Callahan Scholars-Athlete award winner," Taylor said. "When he said Mississippi High School Activities Association, I knew what was going on. I couldn't believe it. It was brought to my attention by our athletic director and he encouraged me to apply for it.

"I called my mom and dad from the office and they were super excited for me. I got a text from my sister. She said, 'You didn't tell me you got that.' I explained I had just found out. Everybody has congratulated me and it has been awesome."

Taylor is one of 16 seniors from across the state to have been selected as Lindy Callahan Scholar-Athletes for the Class of 2021. The honorees - one boy and one girl from each of the MHSAA's eight geographical districts — were chosen for their academic accomplishments as well as their participation in high school athletics and extracurricular activities. The recipients were chosen by a committee made up of MHSAA partners and school administra-

They will be honored at a banquet later this year.



Philadelphia High School's Emma Taylors has been named a Lindy Callahan Scholars-Athlete award winner by the Mississippi High School Activities Association.

Each of the 16 winners will receive a \$1,500 college scholarship through the support of MHSAA partners.

Taylor more than qualifies as top scholar athlete. She is the Valedictorian of her class and the school's Star Student. Her course load this school year had her taking Dual Credit Comp 1 and 2; College Algebra, College Trigonometry, AP Physics, Economics, AP Government and Dual Credit U.S. History 1 and

She stays busy outside the classroom. She was a cheerleader, a member of the basketball team and the softball team.

"When they told me I was going to be valedictorian, they told me I had a 101 average," Taylor said. "I had a 29 super score on my ACT."

When she enters college next fall, she will go in with 15 hours due to her dual credit courses.

"I am very proud of my academics. I have had a goal to graduate top of my class for a very long time," Taylor said. "I have been working hard for a very long time."

While she hasn't made a final decision. Taylor is considering attending either Ole Miss or East Central Community College. She is undecided on

"My favorite subjects are English and history," Taylor said. "I am not a science and math person. I have a friend group. One person was the creative artsy person. Another likes math and science. And I am the history and English one. We help each other out.

"This has been the hardest year, academically," Taylor said. "I got to my senior year and I thought it would be a breeze. Then I got in all of these college

Taylor loves to write. Last semester, she wrote a research paper on gun control.

"I was pretty proud of that because I got to dive into both sides of the issue," Taylor said. "I got to see the pros and the cons and how it has worked in

When she was named Star Student, Taylor chose Anne Fisacerly as her Star Teacher. Taylor is in Fisacerly's Comp 1 and 2 class.

other countries."

"Emma is mature beyond her years," Fisacerly said. "She is focused. She is very active with all the sports she plays but she balances her obligations. She takes care of everything. She is very organized.

"Her essays are like that. Her

writing is structured and she's careful. She knows what she is talking about. And if she doesn't know, she will ask questions."

Sarah Alexander noticed Taylor's writing abilities when she was in her ninth grade English class, Alexander has also worked with Taylor on the yearbook and as BETA sponsor and FBLA sponsor.

"She bares her heart when she writes," Alexander said. "She does a good job of showing you what she means and bringing you to a point so you are not left with any questions.

"When she was in ninth grade, she was a very gifted writer. Hopefully, she will have more awards and scholarships coming. She has written a lot of essays."

Looking back at the highlights of her high school sports career, Taylor was a member of fast-pitch softball team. And her biggest memory will be when the Lady Tornadoes basketball team beat Newton High School in the Region tournament her senior year."

Danielle Spurlock was in her first year as girls basketball head coach at Philadelphia during Taylor's senior season.

"I think so highly of her," Spurlock said. "She is the person you want on your team. She was definitely the heartbeat of our team in practice and in games. She was our quarterback on the court. She called plays whether she had the ball or not. She is a natural born leader and I saw that from the first day in off season."

Neshoba Central's Hunter wins powerlifting gold medal

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY steve@neshobademocrat.com

Jarquez Hunter of Neshoba

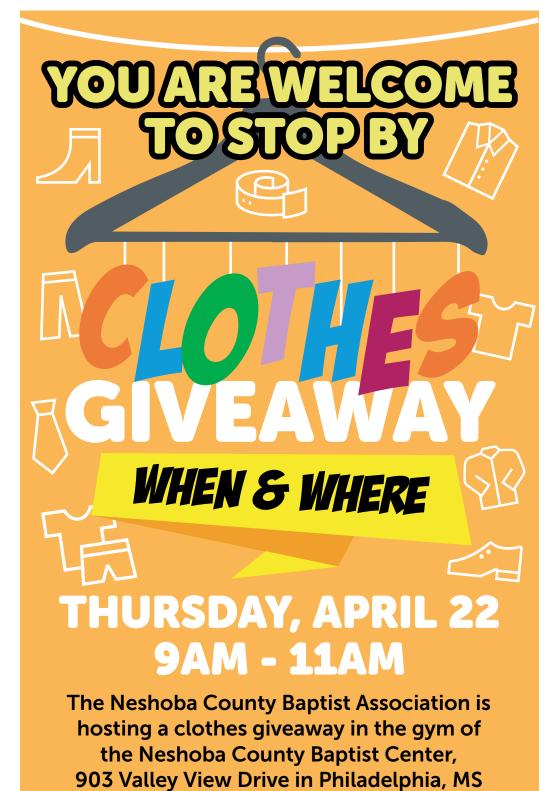
Central won first place in his weight division Saturday in the Mississippi High School Activities Association powerlifting state championship.

Neshoba Central finished with 12 team points. Vicksburg won the Class 5A division with 49 points.

Hunter won the 198-pound division with 1,450 total pounds

Kelbee Holmes finished fourth in the 308 pound division third in the 220 pound division with 1,305 total pounds lifted. Dylan Hutchinson placed

with 1,270 total pounds lifted.



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